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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Lopez

SHORT TITLE NM Poison & Drug Info Center Staffing      SB 162

ANALYST Moser

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$112.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act  
 Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 162, NM Poison & Drug Info Center Staffing , appropriates \$112.0 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) to fund increased salary costs for pharmacists and staff in the New Mexico poison and drug information center.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$112 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The NMHED indicates that the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center is a twenty-four hour emergency telephone service accessible to all citizens of New Mexico. The Center assesses and makes treatment recommendations during possible poisonings, responds to drug information inquiries, and assists emergency personnel during hazardous material incidents. It also

serves as a major teaching site for UNM's Department of Emergency Medicine. The Center operates New Mexico's only toxicosurveillance system.

There were 42,171 calls last year to the NM Poison Center. The New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of poisoning in New Mexico. The Center is available to the public and health care professionals 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. One of the goals is to help train pharmacists to be drug information providers.

NMHED points out that this proposal was not in the list of priority projects submitted by University of New Mexico to the Higher Education Department for review and, this request was not included in NMHED's funding recommendation for FY07.

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